

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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Location and Description

1. The Gabrovo Military Factory is located approximately one kilometer north of the Gabrovo (N 42-52, E 25-18) railroad station, on the Gabrovo-Tsareva Livada (N 42-56, E 25-29) road, and occupies an area of 1,600 are. The factory is subordinate to the Ministry of War and works exclusively for the Armed Forces.
2. The factory consists of the following buildings:
 - a. A 2-story building, 140 by 45 meters in size, used for the manufacture of leather goods and clothing;
 - b. Two buildings, 40 by 18-20 meters in size, used as quarters for workers and troops; and
 - c. One building, 60 by 18-20 meters in size, used as quarters for workers and troops.

Personnel

3. The following personnel work at the Gabrovo Factory:
 - a. Marin Danev, Intendance Colonel, commander of the factory;
 - b. Major Ognyanov, political director;
 - c. An unidentified captain, commander of the troops;
 - d. Vitan Todorov, factory chief;
 - e. Thirty chief technicians of sections;
 - f. Four principal shift chiefs; and
 - g. Ten shift foremen.

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4. There are two 8-hour work shifts per day, and a total of 2,500 workers.

Production and Equipment

5. The factory is divided into two sections, as follows:
- a. The leather goods section which manufactures shoes and other leather articles such as shoes, boots, bags, belts, straps, cartridge belts, holsters, etc. for the Army; and
 - b. The textile section (tailor shop) which produces woolen overcoats and winter uniforms for all the Armed Forces.
6. The monthly production of the first section is as follows:
- a. Military shoes, 9,000 pairs;
 - b. Army boots, 4,000 pairs (the plan calls for 5,000 pairs);
 - c. Cartridge belts, 11,500 (the plan calls for 12,000);
 - d. Pistol holsters, 6,300 (the plan calls for 6,000);
 - e. Belts, 12,800 (the plan calls for 12,000).
7. The monthly production of the second section is as follows:
- a. Overcoats, 12,000 (the plan calls for 14,000); and
 - b. Winter uniforms, 12,500 (the plan calls for approximately 15,000).
8. The first section, the tannery, is located on the first floor of the factory and is equipped with 120 cutting and sewing machines, in addition to 25 spare machines. Besides this equipment, the plant is equipped with 400 shoemakers' stands, and 20 large tables for making cartridge belts and holsters.
9. The second section, the tailor shop, is located on the second floor of the factory. It is equipped with 200 sewing machines, 32 machines for hemming and button-holding, and 20 machines for cutting cloth. In addition to the machinery, this section is equipped with 30 tables four or five meters in size for the tailors, and 20 tables 10 meters in size, with 20 machines, for the cutters.
10. Raw materials, including leather, hides, cloth, and yarn, are supplied by the tannery and textile factories of Gabrovo, upon presentation of the necessary procurement documents.

Salaries and Living Conditions of the Workers

11. The factory employs a total of 2,500 workers, specialists, and office employees. The average salary of the workers is 320 leva per day, while specialists receive 410 leva per day. Workers with children receive additional monthly allotments, as follows:
- a. For the first child, 150 leva;
 - b. For the second child, 100 leva;
 - c. For the third child, 250 leva; and
 - d. For the fourth child, 500 leva.

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12. Money is withheld from the wages of workers for the following:

- a. Insurance and pension premiums;
- b. Party and union dues; and
- c. Communal affairs.

A total of approximately 1,800 (sic) leva is withheld monthly from each worker's wages. Bachelors must also pay 500 to 800 leva per month for the "ergenski danuk" (bachelor's tax).

- 13. Workers quarters consist of 2-room apartments with kitchen, bath, and corridor. Bachelors have individual rooms with one bath for every three rooms. The ground floor of one of the buildings is occupied by troops.
- 14. Meals served at the factory are good and cost 6,000 leva per month (with coffee) and 5,500 leva per month (without coffee). The workers pay 1,200 leva per month for their rent (including light and water), and the bachelors 800 leva per month.
- 15. In order to meet expenses, all workers must work overtime. In their free hours, once a week, the workers attend a Party meeting and a union meeting. All members must be present.

Miscellaneous

- 16. For transporting goods, the factory uses the motor vehicles of the Army units which are stationed in Gabrovo.
- 17. The factory is surrounded by barbed wire. The guard unit consists of one Trudovak section from Gabrovo which maintains security at the factory and stands guard. Also. A 150-man soldier unit is used for transporting raw materials and finished goods.
- 18. The factory is not equipped for air defense. Fire prevention measures are one fireman unit equipped with a water pump and ladders.

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